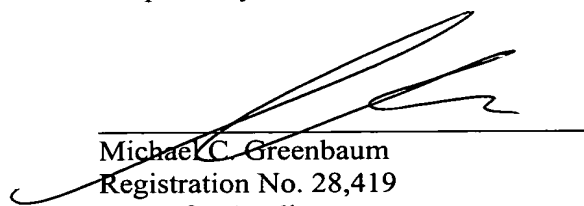


REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, the claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, thereby reducing the filing fee. Applicants retain all rights to the subject matter covered by the original claims. The subject matter now not included in these claims may be reintroduced as multiply dependent, separate independent or singly dependent claims in the present application or in continuation and/or divisional applications based thereon. Accordingly, prompt and favorable action on the subject application as presently amended is earnestly solicited.

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